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Policing with a Vision

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HISTORIC MOMENT FOR THE MARIETTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Dan Flynn and firearms instructors from the Marietta Police Department are taking receipt of 100 Glock Model 42 handguns today at 2:30pm, at the Glock Headquarters / Manufacturing Facility in Smyrna, GA.

The Marietta (GA) Police Department will be the first police agency in the world to issue the new Glock Model 42, built entirely in Smyrna, GA, as a back-up and off-duty weapon. The semi-automatic Glock 42 is a sub-compact .380 (pronounced “three-eighty”) caliber handgun. The department was able to exchange used Glock Model 27s (purchased in 1998) for new Glock 42s through GT Distributors (Rossville, GA) a Glock authorized Law Enforcement dealer. There was no cost to the tax-payers.

Police firearms trainers across the US encourage officers to carry a back-up as part of the “Below 100” initiative to reduce police officer “line-of-duty” deaths (LODD) every year. Officers are also being encouraged to carry a firearm concealed when off-duty, as rapid response has proven to be critical to resolving active shooter scenarios. The Glock 42 is the smallest and lightest of Glock’s current production and allows for easier concealment when the Glock 22 or Glock 27 may be too bulky or conspicuous. The G42 operates the same as the officer’s primary weapon (Glock 22, .40 caliber), so the training will be a natural transition. The internal workings of the gun are familiar to the departmental armorers who maintain the weapons.

The Marietta Police Department Firearms Training Unit has a history of testing, evaluating, training, and putting to use the latest in useful/lifesaving technologies. In 1998, Marietta Police began issuing all officers back-up guns, something that only 7% (officer.com poll) of police agencies do in the US. In 2004, MPD became the first police agency to issue weapon mounted lights to ALL officers (not just SWAT) for use on their Glock 22 pistols. The firearms unit still receives several calls a month from police firearms trainers from the US and Canada seeking

insight on equipping officers with pistol mounted lights. In 2008, all officers were issued a patrol rifle and red-dot optic to better respond to active shooter or other deadly threats from an increased distance.

Marietta Police Officers will carry a Glock Model 22 Gen4 (.40 caliber) handgun with a pistol mounted light as their primary sidearm. They will have access to the new Glock Model 42 (.380) and Glock Model 27 Gen4 (.40 caliber) as a back-up / off duty handgun.

Glock Inc. in Smyrna has generously opened their doors and will allow reporters/photographers to capture this historic event. Because the facility has controlled access I am asking that any media agency that would like to attend to please RSVP with me so that I can give representatives at Glock an idea of how many media personnel will be attending. Their address is:

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